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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Docket No. (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) S3100.0003/P0003 Special Program Examiner In re Application of Toru Ishii, et al Stephen Marcus Filed Application Number January 16, 2001 09/760,593 PUNCHING APPARATUS AND THE PUNCHING UNIT THEREOF Examiner P. Nguyen 3724 Group Art Unit This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) 410.00 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1:27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2215 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) April 30, 2003 *\_*: Signature Date lan R. Blum Typed or Printed Name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below

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forms are submitted.